S. No.	States	Telephone Provided in villages during 1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	Approved Target 2000-2001
28.	Calcutta	22	0	0	47
29.	Delhi	0	0	0	0
	Total	42855	37058	33965	100000

Improvement of STD Network

970. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that frequently phones in Andhra Pradesh are not easily within reach from outside the State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Vishakhapatnam could not be reached for a number of days from Delhi;

(c) whether the operational flaws have been noticed by the Department of Telecom;

(d) what steps are proposed to attend and rectify such flaws in the telecom sector;

(e) the reasons in delay for rectifying such technical problems by the DoT; and

(f) what safegurds will be instituted to improve the STD network in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Such complaint has not come to the notice of the Department.

(c) The calls from Delhi to Vishakhapatnam are routed through Hyderabad level-I TAX. The alternate routing is through Calcutta TAX. No operational flaw has come to the notice of the Department.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(f) The STD network is monitored by the 'Network Management Centre' at Chennai and in case of any failure action is taken immediately to restore the circuits or reroute the traffic.